

NUTRITION SERVICES DIVISION MANAGEMENT BULLETIN

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TO:	All Public and Private Schools Participating in the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs County Superintendents of Schools Diocesan Superintendents of Schools Residential Child Care Centers Summer Food Service Program Sponsors Adult Day Care Food Program Child Care Food Program	ISSUE DATE: August 1999
FROM:	Nutrition Standards Unit	
ATTENTION:	Food Service Directors	
SUBJECT:	Proposed Rule on Alternate Protein Products	
REFERENCE:	7 CFR Parts 210, 220, 225, and 226	

This management bulletin transmits information from the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) on their proposed rule to update the requirements on using "Vegetable Protein Products" in Child Nutrition Programs. Their goal is to give menu planners more flexibility in incorporating these products into their menus in addition to the traditional protein sources of meat, poultry, and seafood.

Summary of Proposed Rule:

1. Change the name from vegetable protein products (VPP) to alternate protein products (APP), and remove the requirement that APP only be of plant origin.
2. Remove the limitation of 30 percent (by weight) maximum substitution for meat, seafood, or poultry.
3. Remove the fortification requirement.
4. Update the protein quality test to the Protein Digestibility Corrected Amino Acid Score from the currently required Protein Efficiency Ratio test.

We encourage you to comment on the proposed changes. The comment period closes on November 19, 1999. (The original deadline was September 20, 1999.) Comments must be postmarked on or before the closing date and mailed to the following address:

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National School Lunch Program or School Breakfast Program sponsors who need further information may

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